

1 ***Council Work Session/Regular Council Meeting***
2 ***Minutes***
3 ***September 5, 2007***

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5 *A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County,*
6 *New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, commencing at 7:32pm*

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8 Mayor Cherchi called the meeting to order.

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10 Mayor Cherchi asked everyone to stand while Council President Heveran led the Pledge
11 of Allegiance.

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13 ***Council Present:*** *Mayor Cherchi, Councilpersons Heveran Choi, Hawkins, Puzzo,*
14 *Rauci, Raspa-Gore*

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16 ***Council Absent:*** *None*

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18 ***Also Present:*** *Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk, Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney*
19 *Jack Terhune Borough Administrator*

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21 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

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23 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin
24 Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.

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26 Mayor Cherchi pointed out the Fire Exit.

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28 Mayor Cherchi asked for a moment of silence for Palma Puzzo, Mother of Councilman
29 Puzzo.

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31 Councilman Puzzo thanked the members of the Governing Body for their support.

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33 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

34 Council Meeting, August 20, 2007 – Councilman Raucchi made a motion, seconded by
35 Councilman Choi to approve the minutes of August 20, 2007. Roll vote; Councilpersons
36 Heveran, Choi, Hawkins, Raspa-Gore, and Raucchi voted yes. Councilman Puzzo
37 abstained. Minutes approved.

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39 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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46 **RESOLUTIONS**

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48 Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolutions 07-213 – 07-217, 07-219,
49 07-220, 07-222 and 07 – 223, seconded by Councilman Puzzo. All in favor none
50 opposed.

51 Resolution 07-218 held until further discussion in Closed Session.

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53 Resolution 07-221 – A motion was made by Councilman Raucci, seconded by
54 Councilman Puzzo to approve Resolution 07-221. Roll call vote; Councilpersons
55 Heveran, Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes. Councilman Hawkins recused
56 himself. Resolution 07-221 approved.

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58 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

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60 Introduction of Ordinance 14-07 entitled:

61 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 247 TITLED**
62 **“STREETS AND SIDEWALKS” BY DELETING AND REPEALING**
63 **ORDINANCE 247-18, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES, AND**
64 **REPLACING IT WITH A NEW ORDINANCE 247-18, VIOLATIONS AND**
65 **PENALTIES**

66 (Snow Removal)

67 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**

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69 A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo, seconded by Council President
70 Heveran to adopt on first reading Ordinance 14-07.

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72 **ROLL CALL** Councilpersons, Choi, Hawkins, Puzzo, Raucci Raspa-Gore voted
73 yes. Ordinance 14-07 introduced.

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75 Introduction of Bond Ordinance 16-07 entitled:

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77 **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A FOUR-**
78 **WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF**
79 **LEONIA, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO**
80 **APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$31,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF,**
81 **TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF**
82 **BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE**
83 **FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN**
84 **ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

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86 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**

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88 A motion was made by Council President Heveran, seconded by Councilman
89 Hawkins to adopt on first reading Ordinance 16-07.

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91 **ROLL CALL** Councilpersons, Choi, Hawkins, Puzzo, Raucci Raspa-Gore voted
92 yes. Ordinance 16-07 introduced.

Introduction of Bond Ordinance 17-07 entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL IN, BY AND FOR THE SWIM POOL UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$100,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title

A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Puzzo to adopt on first reading Bond Ordinance 17-07.

ROLL CALL Councilpersons, Choi, Hawkins, Puzzo, Raucci Raspa-Gore voted yes. Ordinance 17-07 introduced.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Yamato (Councilman Puzzo) – Councilman Puzzo inquired if Mr. Giblin has heard anything from Boswell Engineering regarding the property. Mr. Giblin reported that he has not heard anything new regarding the property. This item will stay on the agenda.
- b) Elm Place Lot Parking Stickers – This is going to be discussed by Laws & Ordinances.
- c.) Off Leash Violations – This will be discussed by Laws & Ordinances.
- d.) Truck Exclusion Fines – This will be discussed by Laws & Ordinances.
- e.) Council Meeting Dates October and December (Council President Heveran) Council President Heveran proposed canceling the second meeting in October and December. After a brief discussion the Council agreed to cancel the two meetings; a motion was made by Councilman Raucci, seconded by Council President Heveran to cancel the October 10 and December 10, 2007 meetings. All in favor none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

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137 Councilman Hawkins placed this item on the agenda at junction of the Meeting:
138 FEMA Grant. Mr. Terhune explained what was reported to FEMA regarding the
139 flooding in April.

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141 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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143 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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145 None.

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147 **CLOSED SESSION (M)**

148 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by Councilman
149 Raucci to discuss the following; PBA Contract, Resolution 07-218, the Katie Lane
150 Settlement and Meadowview Condominiums. All in favor none opposed.

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152 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to come out of Closed Session, seconded by
153 Councilman Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

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155 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to approve Resolution 07-224, 07-225, and 07-226,
156 seconded by Council President Heveran. All in favor none opposed Resolutions
157 approved.

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159 **ADJOURNMENT**

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161 A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council
162 President Heveran. All in favor none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM

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164 Respectfully Submitted,

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168 Fran Lehmann
169 Borough Clerk